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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Project Director  
THROUGH: Director of Operations  
THROUGH: Personnel Officer  
SUBJECT: Manning of Detachment B

1. Subsequent of my selection as Commander of Detachment B, Headquarters SAC gave me the prerogative of picking officers to fill authorized staff positions. At that time, due to a limited knowledge of the details of the Project and certain rules which are followed within the Strategic Air Command and the Air Force, there were some limitations (rank, time on station, etc.) on selection of officers.

2. Subsequent to my arrival here, an additional space (grade of Colonel) in the Operations Section has been authorized. [redacted] (who will become a Lt. Colonel on 26 March) was selected to be the Operations Officer. Because of the great amount of confidence I have in his ability, it is requested that he continue in that position and that an officer junior to him be secured for the newly authorized position.

3. As pertains to the newly authorized position, I propose the following manning action:

a. First, advance [redacted] reporting 19 March, from the Intelligence Officer position to the Assistant Operations Officer position. [redacted] is an experienced pilot and Operations Officer as well as highly qualified Intelligence Officer and Photo Interpreter.

b. Requisition [redacted] for the position of Intelligence Officer. At the time of the original selections, [redacted] was considered as "not eligible" due to a move this fiscal year. It is my belief that this Project warrants the best and that, with proper urging, USAF can waive the second move within this fiscal year for [redacted] in their requisition

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25X1 for him for this Project. Even though [ ] has moved since the first of July, 1955, he has held the same position since November of 1949 and cannot be substantiated in his current position on the basis of a new assignment (the unit to which he is assigned transferred to Little Rock Air Force Base in October).

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4. I recognize that contractor personnel will provide the technical knowledge needed within the detachment concerning camera installation and equipment. Further, it is recognized that film development in the main will be at a point other than the detachment location. Nevertheless, I firmly believe that a practical and up-to-date knowledge of cameras and camera installations backed by experience would be beneficial to the Detachment B staff. For these reasons I request that [ ] be requisitioned by name from SAC and that the Air Force in the requisition waive the second move within this fiscal year.

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Col., USAF

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